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(57) Abstract: ELF3 gene compositions associated with cancer are provided, including ELF3 mRNA intron retention, a novel ELF3 5' untranslated region, and a novel Alu, Alu_{kwd}. Methods and kits using primers or probes to detect the presence of these ELF3 gene compositions are also provided. Methods for determining whether a cell comprises a virus are also provided.